

HOUSE No. 975

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ronald Mariano

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the health insurance connector authority.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Ronald Mariano

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

3rd Norfolk

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE HEALTH INSURANCE CONNECTOR AUTHORITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 2 of Chapter 176Q of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following:-

(b) There shall be a board, with duties and powers established by this chapter, which shall govern the connector. The connector board shall consist of 11 members: the secretary for administration and finance, ex officio, who shall serve as chairperson; the director of Medicaid, ex-officio; the commissioner of insurance, ex-officio; the executive director of the group insurance commission; 4 members appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a member in good standing of the American Academy of Actuaries, 1 of whom shall be a health economist, 1 of whom shall represent the interests of small businesses and 1 of whom shall be a member in good standing of the Massachusetts Association of Health Underwriters; and 3 members appointed by the attorney general, 1 of whom shall be an employee health benefits plan specialist, 1 of whom shall be a representative of a health consumer organization, and 1 of whom shall be a representative of organized labor. No appointee may be an employee of any licensed carrier

15 authorized to do business in the commonwealth. All appointments shall serve a term of 3 years,
16 but a person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term. An appointed
17 member of the board shall be eligible for reappointment. The board shall annually elect 1 of its
18 members to serve as vice-chairperson. Each member of the board servicing ex-officio may
19 appoint a designee under section 6A of chapter 30.